

LOOMS OF TIME

Life's shuttles are whirling; 'Tis, what shall I bring? To fill the loom of the better...

The best that I can now— Yes, that I will bring. Bright hopes for the better...

And I'll wear the loom That constantly ring.

—Edward A. Horton.

THE OLD MAN OF THE BIG CLOCK TOWER

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station, and I took the first train going west for that place.

My intention on leaving Toronto was to return in the evening, so as to be ready for early work on Monday.

My friend on being made aware of my intentions would not hear of this proposition. I consented to remain. This was the platform outside of the station.

Almost immediately after arrival, on looking towards the hills, I saw coming four people, a young lady and a gentleman leading, my friend left me and running to the lady and calling her name, explained a little joke to her, that would require her to acknowledge the young man at the station which was myself, as her old friend. This proposition she fell in with with all the alacrity of youth, and I was to go then to meet a young lady under those circumstances. I got into the private room of the agent named and called me with the words, "How are you, Johnnie," and I of course, acknowledging it, said, "How are you, Elsie."

This explains my first acquaintance with Miss Elsie Cameron, the young lady referred to in the paragraph above.

My intention to return to Toronto that evening was once cancelled, and at about 6 p.m. that day I again saw my friend at Mr. James Matthews where he was stopping, and as a further offer to the joke the boys outside (sometimes called "Eadie's brigade") were having, he big time, and I presume some of the old men of today in Acton will remember this event.

That meeting at the station ripened and developed into other fields of feeling, and within three years my 1843 acquaintance with Elsie, between myself and the young lady alluded to, Miss Elsie Cameron, by Rev. Jos. Lutzrell, the old Methodist Church, and one of Acton's finest girls became my bride.

That I must change the scene. About a year ago, both of us in good health, talked pleasantly over our golden wedding, or 50th anniversary, soon to occur. But the ruthless hand of the monster death interfered and on Easter Monday of this year we placed her in the beautiful Mount Royal cemetery, there to await the call of the trumpet, regarded by a large circle of friends and sorrowfully lamented, especially by the young man of 1887, who for 49 years was her companion in life.

I fear I have asked for too much space and would beg to apologise for so doing, and also to the "Old Man in the Tower" for directing his attention to such a trifling error in inserting the wrong name.

Yours very truly,

JOSEPH LUTZRELL

Montreal, September 20, 1919.

This highly interesting recital will be read with keen interest by those who have seen the colored ink copy by the "Old Man of the Clock Tower."

And here's another from our old friend and esteemed former classmate, Jack Hutchinson, of Penatanguishene:

Dear Friend:

I have been very much interested in the letters you publish from "The Old Man in the Tower" but I think there are some of his statements a little in error. In last week's letter he stated that Mr. Joe Lutzrell, of Montreal, was employed at the station. He never worked there and was in business in Montreal at that time. There was a man from Montreal (who I believe was a friend of Mr. Lutzrell) there for a short time, I remember correctly his name was John Ewart, possibly this is the party the "Old Man" has reference to.

"The Old Man" told in a former letter of the first game of baseball played between the Maple Leafs of Guelph and the Platine team of Acton, the score was 112 to 11. I believe I am an authority for the correctness of the score as I played in the game amongst whom were Mike Speight, John Moore and Frank Costa. This game was the first game played after organizing, and although the score was enough to discourage us, we stayed in the game until we were able to hold our own with any of the surrounding teams with the exception of Guelph, who were the champions of Canada at that time.

My memory goes back to the first year of Acton, and of a Vigilance Committee which undertook to improve the morals of some of its citizens, amongst whom were Pat Malloy and another man by the name of Harvey, who were treated to a coat of tar and feathers and then given an excursion on a rail. I believe Pat said he would sooner have walked, had it not been for the big crowd.

I have been trying to make out who the "Old Man" can be whose memory goes back to the first year in Acton, and the most likely one I can think of is your worthy postmaster, with your able assistance.

Yours very truly,

JACK HUTCHINSON, Sept. 22, 1919.

Wrong again! Postmaster Matthews does not live in the hills or have the big pumpkins and Billy Landborough's chickens, and I didn't see one soul that wasn't enjoying the fair to the limit. May the country fair never get out of existence, is my earnest wish, as each year it seems to grow better and more popular.

I have received numerous comments, favorable and otherwise, on my indirect, respecting my recollections of events of days of long ago. Some of the elderly friends who have made statements are made in this column respecting old-time events which do not give their mental record of facts. Well, I do admit that my forgetful memory is a blundering memory. However, my old brain has been working for a long time and occasionally I guess the cobbles get over the corner.

If all my critics as to facts were as kind and courteous as the writer of the following letter from Montreal, which was handed me by the Press Press editor last Thursday, I'd really feel good over it, and not worry so much over what the literary call, I think, my lapsus linguae.

Here's this kind and interesting epistle:

Editor Press Press

Dear Sir—Have read with great interest the contributions to your journal of our esteemed "Old Man in the Tower," and although not a resident of your charming little town it is yet to me a place of great importance, as the sequel will show:

In his letter of this week, one item about a little hesitates in his mind to say all he appears to know, and I will thank you for permission to make it clearer. "The Old Man" describes the old O. T. R. station itself correctly, but in speaking of the entrance uses my name inadvertently I am sure, as being on the job, and omits the one that was and alluded to a young lady without giving my name.

The name omitted was John Eward and he was of Montreal. Your esteemed postmaster, with whom John stopped, should be able to verify this statement, but I was at that station and I beg further space to explain the circumstances, viz: When I was say 15 years of age I was engaged for a couple of days by my name, in Montreal, as representative for certain lines, and being in Toronto at the end of the week, and knowing the Saturday evening rules, had a half-day's leave; I remembered that an old friend, with whom I had spent many pleasant hours in connection with the Good Templars, had accepted a subordinate job with the O. T. R. at Acton.

Reasonableness

Friction, misunderstandings, disputes, ill feelings, estrangements and bickerings would be avoided by the practice of reasonableness. When people are frank and fair with each other, this tenet is usually obeyed and other tenets too—of the difference that would otherwise arise are "nipped in the bud" and never gain strength enough to stand up, if we may use a mixed figure. Just the simple practice of being reasonable. Think of it, reasonableness.

CONQUER WEAKNESS

By keeping your powers of resistance at highest peak. It is as natural for

Scott's Emulsion

to strengthen as it is for your food to nourish

if you would conquer weakness—take Scott's Emulsion often.

Scott's Emulsion, Toronto, Ont.

What COMFORT LYE is splendid for — Comfort Lye is a very powerful cleanser. It is used for cleaning up the oiliest and hardest dirt, grease, etc.

BANK OF HAMILTON. GEORGETOWN BRANCH—G. C. MacKay, Manager. MONEY IN LIVE STOCK CAREFUL selection of breeding cattle and the right kind of financial backing will put you in a position to make money from your herd.

Next Enrollment Day Brampton Business Institute—Monday, October 6. A School of excellence, commodious class rooms, finest equipment. Efficiency courses in Business, Stenography, Typewriting.

Coal Problem Solved KERO GAS BURNERS (Ordinary Coal Oil for Fuel). Are easily installed in any stove or furnace. Will supply all the heat necessary for cooking or heating purposes.

FRED D. DEWAR Sole Agent for Halton County. TELEPHONE NO. 72 MILTON, ONT.

Parker's Will Do It By cleaning or dyeing—restore any articles to their former appearance and return them to you, good as new. Send anything from household draperies down to the finest of delicate fabrics.

1919 Rockwood Fall Fair Thursday and Friday October 2nd and 3rd. SPLENDID PRIZE LIST IN ALL DEPARTMENTS. Guelph Musical Society Hand Engaged. Parade of School Children at 1.30 on Friday—Twenty Minute Performance by the Schools.

ALCOHOL AS MEDICINE. It cannot be repeated too often that alcohol in any form is not only of no use as a medicine, but that it is positively harmful. It leaves the power of the system to defend itself against the germs of disease, and when sick it lessens the power of the system to fight and conquer the germs that cause the illness.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA. The owner of a Dodge Car can safely depend upon consistent, continuous and economical daily service, universally low gasoline consumption and high tire mileage.

Dodge Bros. Motor Cars. THE DODGE AT ACTON FAIR LAST WEEK WAS GREATLY ADMIRER. J. N. O'NEILL & Georgetown.

If YOU Buy out of Town and I Buy out of Town What will Become of OUR Town? The Dollar You Spend in Acton Will "Come Home to Boost"

Free Press "Buy-at-Home" Campaign. Read these articles with care. They may present something you hadn't thought of before. Patronize the People whose ads. are here. They are your neighbors and will treat you right.

You Will Always Find it Profitable to consult us when desiring Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Linens, Oils, Groceries.

Our Aim is to Sell You Dry Goods, Men's Furnishings and Groceries at the lowest prices and with the best quality.

The Penalar Store is Criticized for purity and wholesomeness in patent formulas. We carry, as well, choice Hardware, Wall Paper, Victrola Records, etc.

Consult us First When buying Hardware. We carry a complete stock of all kinds of Hardware, Silverware, Cutlery, etc.

Order Your Coal Now. Delay, under present conditions, invariably means an advance in the price. Put, Stove and Furnace Coal now on hand.

Never Buy Furniture From a catalogue. It all looks good in pictures. When buying from us you see the article before you buy and our best advice is to buy yours. Undertaking in connection.

Make up That Order for Groceries. Bring it to us. We can complete in service, quality and price with anything, anywhere. We carry as well a full line of Dry Goods.

We Have Said it Before. And we say it again. You can buy to better advantage in Acton than in Toronto. See us when you require anything in Groceries, Merchandise.

Now That Warm Weather is approaching you will require refreshment. Our drinks are low, cold and invigorating—our Ice Cream is delicious—our Cakes and Fresh Apples wholesome.

MANY PUT TRUST IN THE UNKNOWN. Never Satisfied With Those Things With Which They are Familiar—Inclined to Take a Chance.

CURIOUS TRAITS IN HUMAN NATURE HAVE MADE POSSIBLE GREAT MAIL ORDER HOUSES. A curious trait in human nature makes itself apparent very frequently.

WHY "CON" MAN THRIVES. Coupled, in a way, with his faith in the tendency on the part of so many people to place confidence in a stranger.

HOPE TO DRAW PRIZE. These who buy merchandise from a mail order house are moved partly, whether they realize it or not, by that trait in their nature which prompts them to trust in the unknown rather than in that which they are familiar.

USING YOUR EYES. When you buy from the local merchant you see the thing that you are buying, you inspect it carefully, examine the workmanship and the quality of the material of which it is made.

Fair Dealing and Low Prices. Are building up our business. We carry a full line of Groceries and Provisions and our prices will relieve the necessity of further shopping.

We Deal in All Kinds of Fresh and Cured Meats and it is our desire to secure and hold your patronage by fair prices and honest weights.

When You Buy Shoes From us you are sure of securing the best selection in Acton. Our prices are much lower than city prices.

Our Bread is Baked Right here in Acton and we guarantee its wholesomeness. We solicit, as well, your patronage for home-made cakes, pastry, etc.

This Campaign Meets with our approval and has our hearty endorsement. Our Personal Interests Are safeguarded in Acton. This movement is deserving of success and we endorse same.

I am Local Distributor For the Ford Automobile and can supply you with genuine Ford parts at reasonable prices. A complete stock of tires always on hand.

Manufacture and Repair All kinds of furniture. Let me estimate for you on the making, repairing or upholstering of your furniture which requires attention. I guarantee my work. The Furniture Hospital.

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Next Time You Require Boots, Shoes, Rubbers, etc. let me endeavor to meet your requirements. My stock is complete—my quality is of the best—my prices are right. Repairing done.

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